

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Shuhei YADA et al. : **Attn: APPLICATION BRANCH**
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METHOD FOR COLLECTING ACRYLIC ACID
*(Rule 1.53(b) Continuation of PCT/JP02/11377
filed October 31, 2002)*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to calculating the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows: